

Appendix A: Scoping and Public Involvement Process

MFWP presented information to groups and participated in meetings or other activities relating to the project.

Milestones

- 4/22/03 Flathead Chapter Backcountry Horseman's Association
- 4/24/03 Taped radio messages (public service announcements) with KALS for broadcast of information regarding the project and public scoping period.
- 4/29/03 Region I NW Montana Citizens Advisory Council (represents different interest groups in the valley and provides for open dialogue between the citizen's groups and MFWP)
- 4/30/03 Montana Wilderness Guides and Outfitters Association (Seeley Lake)
- 5/6/03 Flathead Valley Chapter, Trout Unlimited
- 5/7/03 Met with FS
- 5/9/03 Wildlife Class at Flathead Community College
- 5/20/03 Polson Outdoors
- 5/21/03 Talk show with KOFL, "The Wendy Price Show" a radio call-in to answer questions about the project
- 5/22/03 Public scoping open house, BPA, FS, MFWP
- 6/03/03 Mission Valley Backcountry Horseman's Association
- 12/15/03 Montana DEQ and EPA
- 4/9/03 Met with FS

Forest Service Participation

LAC meetings held annually in December that includes FS, and outfitters and guides, and wilderness public interest groups that discuss issues on the Flathead.

Scoping Process

- 4/30/2003 Letter to public announcing the Public Scoping Meeting Open House; how to comment on the proposed project and the close of the comment period--June 23, 2003.
- 5/22/03 Public Scoping Meeting Open House, Kalispell, Montana.
- 6/23/03 Close of Comment Period.

Documents made available to the public during the scoping period

Information Brief – An 11 page document explaining the background, problem, and proposed solution to protecting native westslope cutthroat trout.

Q and A Fact Sheet – Answers to 36 frequently asked questions about the project.

Public Comment Form – Provided information on how to comment on the project and procedure for having your name and address added to the list to receive information.

Maps of the Project Area

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